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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$840,000 in funding for Pace Bus to execute a project to install traffic signal prioritization equipment, as a precursor to a full Bus Rapid Transit line, at 30 intersections along Harlem Ave and Cermak Road. Specifically, along Harlem Avenue from Cermak Rd to Ogden Ave. and along Cermak Rd. from 54th Ave and the 54th Ave / Cermak Rd. Pink Line CTA Station.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Pace Bus headquartered at located 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

The funding for this project would pay for implementation of Traffic Signal Prioritization (TSP) equipment at 30 traffic signals on Harlem Avenue and Cermak Road. TSP creates shorter travel times for bus riders because it allows buses to communicate with traffic signals to shorten red lights and lengthen green lights for buses. It also makes transit more reliable and more attractive by giving buses an advantage over regular auto traffic.

These two corridors have some of the heaviest bus ridership in Pace's service area, and both are top priorities for construction of a Pulse (rapid transit) Line.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jesús G. "Chuy" García Member of Congress